Executive Proclamation
State of South Dakota
Office of the Governor

Whereas, Donna Palmer graduated from Custer High School in 1966 and spent her life faithfully serving the Custer area in many capacities; and,

Whereas, Donna's career in county government began in 1971 in the Assessor's Office and she later transferred to the Treasurer's Office. In July 1979, Donna was appointed to serve as County Treasurer and was duly elected to that position in November of 1980; and,

Whereas, Donna served as Custer County Treasurer for 25 years, being unopposed in any election and has now retired from that position. She has been committed to her position, continuing her education to become a Certified Elected Official and having membership in the Black Hills Association of County Commissioners and County Officials, the South Dakota Association of County Officials and the National Association of Counties; and,

Whereas, Donna is known for excellence as a top treasurer in the state, earning interest for the county by her wise investments and assisting other counties in establishing programs to attain these same results; and,

Whereas, Donna's husband, Les, their two children and three grandchildren faithfully and proudly support her; and,

Whereas, Donna serves as treasurer for the Pringle United Methodist Church of which she is a member, and has served the Republican Party faithfully, having been treasurer of the Custer County Central Committee and the Republican Women's Club and volunteering for many committees for these groups; and,

Whereas, Donna has selflessly volunteered for many city and county organizations, including Custer Volunteer Fire Department Auxiliary, Search and Rescue Team, Women Escaping a Violent Environment, and acted as a 4-H exhibit judge at the county fair and donated to the South Dakota 4-H Foundation; and,

Whereas, Donna has donated time and money to assist community programs including Christmas for Kids, Coats for Kids, Custer Food Pantry, and a lifetime involvement with the Gold Discovery Days celebration; and,

Whereas, It is fitting and proper as Governor to recognize the contributions Donna has made to the state of South Dakota during her years of employment, and to honor her as she retires:

Now, Therefore, I, M. Michael Rounds, Governor of the state of South Dakota, do hereby proclaim April 6, 2005, as

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in South Dakota, and I join her colleagues, friends and family as they recognize Donna for her commitment to a successful career.

In Witness Whereof, I have hereunto set my hand and caused to be affixed the Great Seal of the state of South Dakota, in Pierre, the Capital City, this Thirtieth Day of March in the Year of Our Lord, Two Thousand and Five.

M. Michael Rounds, Governor

Attest:

Chris Nelson, Secretary of State